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| Richard CURTIS et al. |) | Group Art Unit: Unassigned |
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| For: PIPETTE VERIFICATION DEVICE |) | |
| AND PIPETTE |) | |

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, and begin on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments sections, and begin on page 20 of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include a **Substitute Abstract**.